UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO Mr. Tolson

DATE November 23, 1963

FROM Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

I talked to SAC Shanklin at 9:15 A.M., November 23, 1963, and we discussed the development where our Chicago Office has found that a rifle with the same serial number as the rifle found in the building in Dallas was mailed by Kleins Sporting Goods Company, Chicago, Illinois, on March 20, 1963, to A. Hidell, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. Shanklin said Agents have checked with the post office, and that this is a post office box in the name of Oswald's mother and traceable to Oswald.

According to the Chicago Office the microfilm showing the sale of this gun showed the return address of Hidell, and was paid for by money order. Dallas and Chicago are attempting to trace down the money order. Shanklin pointed out that when Oswald was picked up, he had in his possession a Selective Service Card in the name of A. J. Hidell and a membership card in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in the name of A. J. Hidell.

I told Shanklin it was very important to check out this Hidell angle; that we are checking Oswald's Marine Corps file to get the known handwriting specimens to compare with the signatures of Hidell, and Dallas should be alert for handwriting specimens. The microfilm from Chicago is being sent into the Bureau. I pointed out to Shanklin that our files show New Orleans Agents interviewed Oswald in August, 1963, at which time he indicated that Hidell was head of the FPCC in New Orleans, and New Orleans should be asked to run this out to see if there is such a person.

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The Laboratory has advised that the ammunition used in the rifle, believed to have killed the President, is a peculiar ammunition manufactured by Western Cartridge Company in East Alton, Illinois. I authorized the Laboratory to call Springfield and have Agents immediately get some of this ammunition and fly it back to Washington so that it can be used to fire test shots, and further to start an immediate check on the sale of this ammunition to see if we can trace it to Texas.